

**Amendment to the Specification**

Replace Paragraph [0032] with the following paragraph:

**[0032]**        Figures 12[(a)] illustrates the polymerization rate for MAA in different solvents using CuBr/Na<sub>2</sub>EDTDA as catalysts including two concentrations of D<sub>2</sub>O/MeOH and D<sub>2</sub>O alone;